

# National/Regional Crime Comparison

2000\* Crimes Per 100,000 Residents in Cities of 94,000-106,000 People, Nationwide

## Crimes per 100,000 Residents

City	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total
Miami Beach, FL	6	61	543	713	1,669	8,077	1,324	12,393
South Bend, IN	12	68	388	329	1,930	5,049	720	8,496
Davenport, IA	5	47	211	1,336	1,217	4,781	369	7,966
Albany, NY	15	66	396	637	1,513	4,012	453	7,092
Gainesville, FL	6	74	271	632	1,269	4,048	471	6,711
Wichita Falls, TX	5	37	162	382	1,098	4,135	452	6,271
Clearwater, FL	6	52	175	632	1,111	3,427	391	5,794
Allentown, PA	9	40	349	290	1,195	3,086	547	5,516
Clarksville, TN	3	62	110	423	782	3,307	281	4,968
Peoria, AZ	4	27	45	189	1,180	2,780	725	4,950
Compton, CA	45	38	544	898	1,098	1,444	871	4,938
Brockton, MA	2	39	207	748	703	2,151	1,023	4,873
<b>Cambridge, MA</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>4,390</b>
West Covina, CA	2	26	149	210	580	2,580	789	4,338
Fairfield, CA	3	32	151	355	598	2,730	418	4,287
Boulder, CO	0	33	44	141	600	2,584	169	4,243
Lowell, MA	6	45	131	555	686	1,765	811	3,999
Manchester, NH	2	41	145	54	603	2,683	407	3,935
Erie, PA	5	54	219	189	694	2,453	223	3,837
El Cajon, CA	2	43	125	456	723	1,786	682	3,817
Gilbert, AZ	0	21	36	66	1,273	2,147	223	3,766
Norman, OK	0	66	38	105	871	2,371	148	3,599
Woodbridge Township, NJ	1	8	76	256	530	2,290	384	3,545
Green Bay, WI	1	36	64	211	658	2,321	187	3,478
Arvada, CO	0	24	31	60	459	2,541	286	3,401
Ventura, CA	3	18	92	230	646	2,164	196	3,349
Midland, TX	5	69	54	267	683	2,074	149	3,301
Burbank, CA	1	8	86	202	420	1,902	553	3,172
New Bedford, MA	1	44	145	599	801	1,032	544	3,166
Norwalk, CA	3	25	201	422	484	1,197	758	3,090
Downey, CA	4	11	177	148	499	1,430	810	3,079
Livonia, MI	0	22	63	105	446	2122	284	3,042
Clinton Township, MI	4	76	51	565	450	1,451	388	2,985
Greece Town, NY	2	12	45	31	246	2,160	204	2,700
Edison Township, NJ	2	4	48	208	390	1,607	374	2,633
Cary, NC	0	6	41	31	337	1,763	117	2,295
Daly City, CA	1	24	115	188	158	1,274	368	2,128
Mission Viejo, CA	0	7	31	96	272	957	70	1,433

<b>Average</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>4,394</b>
<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>4,390</b>

\*2001 statistics are not yet available for other cities and towns.

A comparison of Cambridge's 2000 Index Crimes per 100,000 residents to crime totals nationwide shows that Cambridge ranked below the nationwide *average* for all but three of the index crimes. When ranked in order of total crimes, Cambridge ranks above the median and just below the average.



## How Cambridge Compares Nationally:

- **Murder:** Low compared to the national average. Cambridge murders ranged from one to three per year on average in the 1990s, while most cities report between three and seven.
- **Rape:** Traditionally just at the national average, however for the past four years it has been significantly decreased to an all time low in 2000.
- **Robbery:** Slightly higher than the national average. We note that few of the other cities on the list are situated right next door to major metropolises, which doubtless accounts for a high percentage of "street crime."
- **Assault:** Slightly below the national average, but statistics are shaky and influenced by reporting practices.
- **Burglary:** Significantly below the national average. This may be due to the disappearance of the professional burglar in the northeast.
- **Larceny:** Higher than the national average, a change from past years as Cambridge has traditionally lower numbers than the national average.
- **Auto Theft:** Higher than the national average.

### 2000 Reported Crimes in Massachusetts Cities and Towns Between 50,000 and 150,000 Residents

City	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total
Brockton	2	39	207	748	703	2,151	1,023	4,873
<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>4,390</b>
Lawrence	3	20	138	488	591	1,047	1,793	4,080
Lowell	6	45	131	555	686	1,765	811	3,999
Fall River	0	39	149	360	782	1,857	443	3,627
New Bedford	1	44	145	599	801	1,032	544	3,166
Quincy	0	37	35	163	499	1,372	194	2,300
Somerville	1	17	54	93	293	930	660	2,048
Haverill	1	23	34	187	731	702	344	2,022
Taunton	2	12	46	196	260	995	155	1,666
Medford	0	8	27	92	162	934	179	1,402
Peabody	0	7	13	128	271	692	149	1,263
Newton	0	5	16	41	178	791	59	1,090
Plymouth	2	8	13	106	191	698	67	1,085
Weymouth	0	4	13	164	189	593	86	1,049
Waltham	0	12	8	11	132	783	73	1,019
Brookline	0	9	29	54	187	619	120	1,018

<b>Average</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>2,359</b>
<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>4,390</b>

## How Cambridge Compares Locally:

- **Murder:** Same as the average.
- **Rape:** Significantly lower than the average.
- **Robbery:** Significantly higher than the average, probably due to our proximity to a major metropolis (see below).
- **Assault:** Significantly higher than the local average, but statistics are unreliable
- **Burglary:** Significantly higher than the average.
- **Larceny:** Significantly higher than the average (see below).
- **Auto Theft:** Higher than the average.

While the majority of these cities empty during the day, Cambridge fills. Our daytime population is estimated at 250,000 people. This is reflected in the higher rates of burglary in the other cities (more likely with fewer people around) and the higher rates of robbery and larceny in Cambridge (more likely with more people around).